

REMARKS

Claims 17-27, 29-31, 33-43, and 66 are pending. Applicant is amending claims 17-21, 23-25, 27, 29-31, and 33-36, cancelling claims 1-16, 28, 32, and 44-65, and adding claim 66.

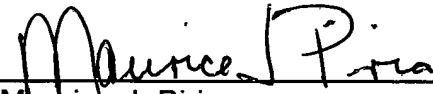
Applicant thanks Examiner for indicating that claims 38-43 are allowable and that claims 25-26 and 36-37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include any limitations of their base claim and intervening claims. Applicant has so amended these claims. In addition, applicant has amended claims that previously depended from the base claims (and new claim 66) to now depend from allowable claims 25 or 36. As such, applicant respectfully submits that the applicant is now in condition for allowance.

Based on the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

Respectfully submitted,

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